

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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September 9, 2003

**FROM: THOMAS R. LAURIN, DIRECTOR
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**SUBJECT: SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER SUBSTANTIAL
AMENDMENTS TO THE COUNTY'S 2000-2005 CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND
2003-2004
ACTION PLAN**

RECOMMENDATION: 1) Schedule Tuesday, September 30, 2003, at 10:00 a.m. for a public hearing to consider substantial amendments to the 2003-2004 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Action Plan for the County's 2000-2005 Consolidated Plan; and, 2) Direct the Clerk of the Board to publish a Notice of Hearing one-time, in publications of general circulation within the County of San Bernardino, at least fifteen (15) days prior to the hearing date.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Each year, the County submits its Consolidated Plan as a grant application for the annual Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership Act (HOME), and Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG), to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Board of Supervisors approved the County's updated 2000-2005 Consolidated Plan, and the associated 2003-2005 Action Plan, on April 15, 2003 and authorized its submittal to HUD. The Consolidated Plan describes a five-year strategy for addressing the housing, homeless, and community development needs of the County CDBG, HOME, and ESG qualifying areas in the County. The Action Plan lists specific projects and programs that are approved to receive CDBG, HOME, and ESG funding assistance during the program year.

Since the adoption of the Consolidated Plan in April 2003, several substantial changes to the CDBG and ESG portions of the Action Plan have been identified. According to CDBG regulations, and the HUD-required Citizen Participation Plan, a public hearing must be called to solicit citizens' comments on proposed substantial amendments. Staff recommends a hearing date of September 30, 2003. The Notice of Hearing will be published on or before September 15, 2003, will list the proposed amendments, and will provide a thirty (30) day public comment period beginning September 16, 2003 and ending on October 15, 2003. A description of each proposed substantial amendment will be included in the public hearing agenda transmittal for the September 30, 2003 hearing.

In accordance with federal regulations (24 CFR 91.105 (c) (2)) citizens are to be provided with reasonable notice and an opportunity to comment on substantial amendments. Further, these regulations require a minimum of thirty (30) days to receive comments before amendments are implemented. The County's 2003-2004 Citizen Participation Plan meets this requirement by specifying the publication of public hearing notices for substantial amendments, in minority oriented newspapers and in newspapers covering affected communities, announcing a thirty (30) day comment period. The Citizen Participation Plan is a part of the County's Consolidated Plan and was approved by the Board of Supervisors on February 25, 2003.

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To provide coverage for the communities affected by anticipated Plan Amendments, the Notice of Hearing according to the Citizen Participation Plan will be published in the Community Section (or its equivalent) in the following newspapers:

Big Bear Life and Grizzly
The Chino Champion
Colton City News
Crestline Courier
El Chicano
The Herald News
Hispanic News
Inland Valley Daily Bulletin
Lucerne Valley Leader
Bulletin,
Needles Desert Star
Precinct Reporter

Redlands Daily Facts
The Sun
Westside Story
Yucaipa/Calimesa News Mirror
Westside Story
San Bernardino American News
Valley Wide Newspapers - Combined
Advertising (Hesperia Reporter, Apple
Valley News, Adelanto
Victorville Post Press, and County
Legal Reporter)

The September 15, 2003 publication will provide the minimum fifteen (15) days before the hearing and fifteen (15) days after the hearing required for comments from the public.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: This item was reviewed and approved by the Department of Economic and Community Development's Contract Compliance Designee, David Larsen on August 21, 2003; by Deputy County Counsel, Michelle D. Blakemore on August 22, 2003; and by the County Administrative Office, Patricia M. Cole, Administrative Analyst III on August 22, 2003.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: None.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): All.

PRESENTER: Thomas R. Laurin, Director, 388-0808.

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